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Hines' inauguration begins

By SASHA-NICOLE CORY
Panther Staff

Inaugural activities for President Charles Hines are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 4 to Friday, Oct. 6. An Investiture convocation will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the Fieldhouse. Special guests include Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and State Representative, Garnet Coleman, who also is the Chairman of the National Black Caucus. Texas A & M University Board of Regents Chairperson, Mary Nan West will preside over the investiture.

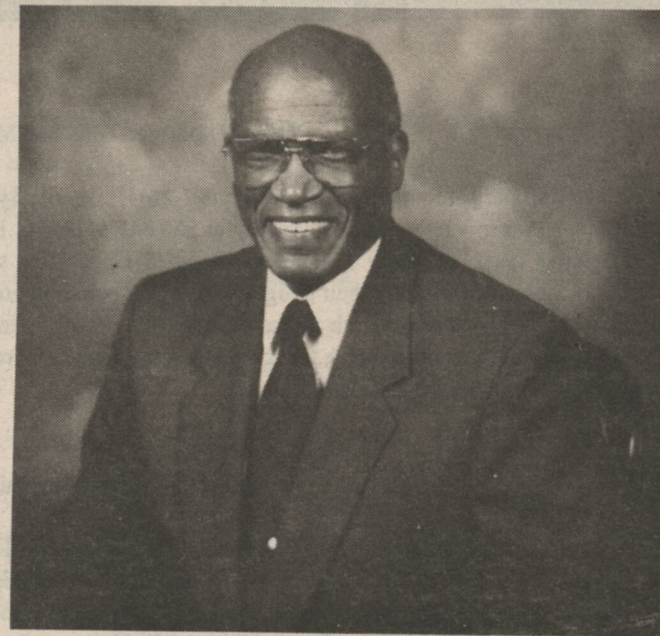
Inaugural activities will begin with a reception at an African Art exhibit Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. in the John B. Coleman Library. The reception will be hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Artwork was donated by Kenneth T. Ward, an attorney.

A First Lady Luncheon will be held in the West Wing of Alumni Hall on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Attendance is by invitation only.

On the same day as the luncheon, there will be a worship service and musical tribute at 7 p.m. in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. Dr. William Lawson,

minister of the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church will be guest speaker for the worship service. Other special guests will be Father William Feldner and the St. Mary's Catholic Church Choir.

The investiture convocation will be followed by an invitation-only investiture luncheon at noon in the West Wing of Alumni Hall. A leadership emphasis week dance is also scheduled for Friday Oct. 6 at 9 p.m. in the Dome. The week will conclude with the Prairie View-Langston football game at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Blackshear Stadium here at P.V.



Dr. Charles Hines, president of Prairie View A&M University



by Marcus Ingram
Drum majors practicing at Hobart Taylor Recital Hall.

A double loss in Dallas

By ERICKA FELIX
Panther Staff

The annual Coca-Cola/Al Lipscomb State Fair Classic which Prairie View lost 64-0 to Grambling Saturday, Sept. 30 in Dallas, generated lots of excitement among PV students.

Prairie View's Marching Storm had new music and routines for the thousands of football fans that flooded the Cotton Bowl for the annual blowout.

Performing with the Storm were the University Choir and the Baptist Student Movement.

Despite a loss to the Grambling State Marching Band, the Storm performed to

the eager Cotton Bowl audience. Rap and the Magical Soul "We spelled 'HINES' Brothas (MSB), formerly Nappy (the name of PV's president) Head Kuzinz, performed. said professor Phillips, the PV band director.

Phillips said the band WAS expected to leave Thursday morning to participate in the Dallas state fair parade Friday morning at 10.

Two charter buses left for Dallas Friday and returned to PV on Sunday. The \$59.50 per-person charge included a room at the Dallas Grand Hotel and bus fare.

Artists performing at the pre-game party Friday night at the Bomb factory were 95 South and Mystikal. At the Saturday night after-party,

"About 70,000 fans are expected to attend the game," said Freddie Roberts, the PV director of student activities late Thursday. Roberts also produced a 'Top Ten reasons' listing of "Why you should go to the Prairie View vs. Grambling Football game." Among the reasons are 'Coach Robinson won't make 400' and 'Panther Pride is so strong.'

"This was the first year student activities had 94 students, enough to fill two buses," said Roberts Thursday. "We also plan to visit the African American museum, the mall, and the zoo. This will be a cultural experience."

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Panther Survey

The Panther surveyed 50 Communications students and this is how they responded.

Based on the evidence the jury has been exposed to in the O.J. Simpson case, what do you think the outcome will be?

62% Not Guilty	20% Guilty
16% Hung Jury	2% OJ Who???

Briefly

PVAMU budget Tops \$66 Million

The board of Regents (BOR) of Texas A&M University System has approved the 1996 fiscal year budget for Prairie View A&M University at \$66,845,616. The 1995 PVAMU fiscal year budget was \$63,649,898 and, Dr. Barry Thompson, TAMUS Chancellor said, "Our institutions have done an admirable job of prioritizing their budgets at a time when most student enrollments are up significantly and the demands on our research and service agencies continue to increase." Dr. Thompson stated that, "Although funds are not available for across-the-board salary increases, some funds will be available for salary increases on a merit basis."

PV students Win Scholarships

The National Association of Black Narcotics Agents held their annual Conference in Houston, TX on July 21, 1995. As part of this organizations' attempt to assist future peers in their profession, that awarded several scholarships to deserving minority students. Among those honored were two students in the Criminal Justice Program at Prairie View A&M University.

Sonya Lewis, a senior from Fort Worth, TX, was named the Outstanding Criminal Justice Student for the Academic year 1995-94. Lewis is an officer of the Criminal Justice Club and a member of The Blackstone Pre-Law Society.

Walt Mathis, a sophomore also from Fort Worth, TX has obtained a GPA exceeding the 3.00 required for the \$700 scholarship. Mathis is a active member of the Criminal Justice Club, The Blackstone Pre-Law Society and a member of the Army ROTC on campus. Upon graduation, both plan to attend law school.

PVAMU Ex Elected to TMF Post

1952 Prairie View A&M University graduate, Frank Bryant, Jr., M.D., has been elected Secretary of the Texas Medical Foundation. Bryant, who was elected to a two year term as secretary for the foundation, is a San Antonio-based physician.

Beyond his time at PVAMU, Bryant received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 1956. Following a three year stint in the U.S. Army, he has practiced family medicine since 1960. Bryant is owner and co-developer of the East San Antonio Medical Center.

Bryant is a member of a considerable number of professional such as the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Bexar County Medical Society and the Texas Medical Foundation.

The Texas Medical Foundation is private, "not-for-profit" organization whose membership is made up of more than eight thousand physicians. Contracting with the federal government, Texas Medical Foundation consultants are responsible for reviewing the quality of care while working for the continued improvement in care provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Key Dates

President Inauguration	October 5
Who's Who applications due	October 6
Classes cancelled from 9a.m. to 1p.m.	October 6
SGA General Meeting	October 10
Columbus Day	October 12

People



Stefani McDade

Stefani McDade, a 21-year-old Radio and Television Production major from Dallas, TX is a student on the move. This senior holds a 3.3 GPA and is a active member of the universities Communications department and other organizations on campus.

She works as a staff writer for the Panther and worked for KPVU news.

McDade is also a

member of the National Association of Black Journalists. McDade currently serves as the parliamentarian and chairperson of the senior committee of the Karnation Kourt, Inc. Since she has been chairperson of the seminar committee, her organization has received several community service awards includes organization of the year.

This past summer she interned with K104.FM in Dallas. During her internships at K104 she had a chance apply knowledge gained from the mass communication department.

Her responsibilities included writing and editing news stories for the morning broadcast and conducting interviews. After graduation she plans to begin her career in radio news.

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NEWSWEEK

Oliver replaces Dickinson

By KAREEME HARRIS
Panther Staff

Carolyn Oliver, a native of Marlin, is ready for her new position as Director of Institutional Development and External Affairs. Oliver views the position as a welcome challenge and an exciting one, and plans to take it to a higher level. With her background in engineering, Oliver believes she can better not only the engineering department, but the university as a whole.

Oliver is a graduate of the University of Houston where she majored in psychology and minored in biology. Oliver also did work beyond the bachelor's degree at the University of Houston.

After graduating, Oliver worked as a lighting analyst for Houston Lighting and Power. She also was a market analyst for eight years before spending the next ten years running her own graphic design business, which focused primarily on public relations and marketing.

Oliver has many goals for the university, which she plans to reach through hard work and smart planning. She wants to increase the level of overall outside support, specifically funding. Oliver plans to improve funding by getting more alumni support, and improving the



by Cinnamon Johnson

Carolyn Oliver is busy on the phone in her office.

relationship between undergraduates and alumni.

Improving the marketing strategies of the university is also at the top of Oliver's list. Oliver is looking forward to initiating a capital campaign. Oliver will be working closely with the athletic department to increase funding for scholarships, and to bring that part of the university back to the prominent power it once was. Oliver said, "I want to improve all weak areas, as well as, the university's strong ones."

Oliver is ready to tackle her new position with the intelligence and vigor that is needed for Prairie View to be a first-class institution.

ID's being checked in new gym

By DEMETRIS L. HOLDEN
and ANDRE' THOMAS
Panther Staff

The Intramural Board has adopted a new system to check people entering the gym for intramural activities. The faculty now checks student identification cards to make sure Prairie View students have access to all intramural activities.

In the past, there were problems with people who were not enrolled at the university using the facility. People from the local community would come in and use the equipment and court areas, not allowing PV students the opportunity to participate. This included

activities such as swimming, basketball, aerobics, and other sports.

The weight room has a maximum capacity of 25 people, the swimming pool a maximum of 45. The facility was designed so that the students could become involved in all activities.

The new system is not only in effect at Prairie View, but at most universities around the country.

"This program was formed to help the students of Prairie View have the opportunity to participate in all of the activities that they pay for," said Coach Burgess, the Intramural Director.

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Chief Stephens defines purpose of campus police

By TERA JONES and
BURL HARRIS
Panther Staff

As of Sept. 15, officers made a total of nine arrests including one jail transport and seven citations of marijuana possession in which they confiscated half a pound of marijuana and several swishers (marijuana filled cigars).

It seems that most students believe that the primary concern of the university police is to issue tickets, rather than focus on other illegal activities on campus such as drug abuse and violence.

Chief of University Police, Rayford V. Stephens, says that issuing tickets is not a primary goal of the police department and they have in fact enforced laws other than just traffic. Stephens says the primary concern of the department is to protect and provide a safe environment for students, staff and faculty so that they may have adequate protection while in a learning environment.

William Lockett, a civil engineering major who was given a

"Our purpose is to have a presence and visibility so we can deter any deviant behavior that infringes on the safety of the student body."

Chief Stephens

ticket for parking in a handicapped zone, said police should be concentrating more on crime within the dormitories than traffic violations. Lockett was charged \$125 for the violation.

Stephens said the sheer nature of an officer makes him angry to issue parking tickets because he would rather cite the "real" criminals, the drug-abusers and other menaces. Rodrick Kennerson, an electrical engineering major, said he received a ticket for parking in the fire zone in front of Fuller Hall. Kennerson said he was in the process of carrying multiple loads of laundry from his car to his room when he noticed a ticket underneath his windshield wiper. "I understand that there is a parking zone outside the

dorm," said Kennerson, "but the walk from the parking lot (of Fuller) to my room is a big inconvenience."

Stephens said because it is important to the residents, they are working with the housing department to reduce crime in the residence halls. Stephens explained that the police could only become involved in cases regarding criminal activity once dorm directors give them cause to search a room. According to him, they are not allowed to invade a room until given notice of a probable cause.

Stephens added that in most cases, criminal activity occurs because of people who are not even enrolled in the university. There are several instances of students who allow their friends to stay in their rooms and these friends are the ones that are the hardest to locate. "If they appear to be everyday students, then there appears to be no reason to believe they could infringe upon another student's safety."

"Our purpose is to have a presence and visibility so we can deter any deviant behavior that infringes on the safety of the student body."

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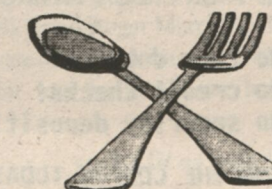
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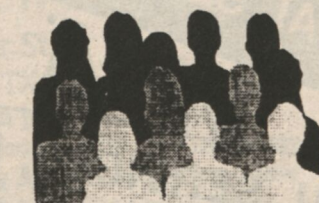
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Career Information Center may have something for everyone

By BRIAN KEHINDE
Panther Staff

Attention all communications students! Do not wait for opportunity to knock at your door. It may never come. Instead, you go for it! The Career Information Center on the second floor of Anderson Hall is their for you.

In addition to the Communications career fair in San Antonio on Sept. 29, a wealth of information about lucrative job openings is right her on campus that you have access to. Right now, KHOU-TV in Houston is offering employment to recent graduates for ENG (Electronic News Gathering) program. They looking for engineers, account executives, and nighttime assignment editors.

A prospective ENG engineer must be able to set up and execute the coverage of news events, and maintain equipment for technical support that facilitates live remote broadcasting for various station productions. This particular job requires at least three years of TV engineering experience, and applicants must have or be able to obtain a commercial driver's license to drive the news van. Account executives need three to five years of sales experience, and must be able to obtain to execute sales and marketing presentations for current and potential advertisers. The KHOU-TV opening for a nighttime assignment editor is part-time and requires a working knowledge of news gathering in the late-night to early morning hours. The job includes operation of scanners, two-way radios, and a thorough

knowledge of the Houston area.

Silver King Television Broadcasting located in Alvin, Texas is currently looking for a "hands-on" chief engineer to help run the station. Candidates for this group-owned company should have a minimum of five years broadcast experience. The station is located in the Highland Square Mall area.

KLST-TV in San Angelo is looking to hire and train several college graduates for various studio positions, including a full-time morning co-anchor/reporter, a full-time news producer, a full-time anchor and reporter that will gather, write, and edit video for broadcast. Those interested need to provide proof of on-air experience and a degree. A tape and resume must be received by the personnel director. News producers should have one to three years experience to produce the weekday 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts. They must be creative, accurate self-starters, and have excellent writing skills. Computerized newsroom experience is helpful.

A photographer for KLST should be able to shoot and edit video with some knowledge of photo composition, lighting, and news judgement. The photographer must be willing to work long, flexible hours. Applicants must be available on weekends, be on-call for fastbreaking stories, and be able to drive a live news truck.

A receptionists position is also open. Those interested must be able to type 45 words per minute and have at least one year experience with switchboards and typewriters. KLST-TV also has a position open for an assistant chief engineer which requires knowledge of Sony BMUs

SGA president has big plans for campus

LaShonda Williams
Newsweek Editor

Pantherland has a new Student Government president who plans to renew the "royal purple and gold spirit." Since becoming the president May 1, Dareus Starr has set his sights on improving the university's appearance, increasing student body participation in decision making and renewing pride and spirit at Prairie View.

The Forth Worth native is a senior electrical engineering major who won the SGA presidency for 1995-96 by a landslide.

Before becoming SGA president, Starr was a student tutor and an active voice in the SGA.

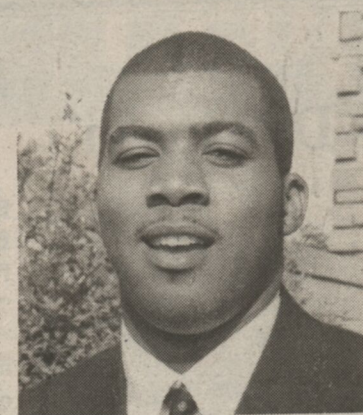
In addition to being a leader, Starr is also a scholar. He has received several awards and has been recognized for academic excellence. Starr is a recipient of College of Engineering and Architecture Leadership Award, Texas Society of Professional Engineers, outstanding engineering student; he has also been recognized as a multi-year honor roll student.

"Training today, making leaders for tomorrow," is Starr's platform. "I want to make a difference. We have a beautiful campus, it's a shame we don't see a

and VP 3/4" tape systems.

KPRC-TV in Houston wants to hire full-time videotape editors. They must know how to include raw videotape or network feed tape into archives. They must work quickly and accurately. A news producer, part-time reporter, and graphic designer are the other three openings available through October.

In Dallas, WFAA-TV



Starr

lot of Prairie View paraphernalia. I want to increase the visibility of PV pride."

Starr has implemented several programs to help promote school spirit and pride. Recently, Cub Week gave freshmen the opportunity to demonstrate their school spirit. It provided activities designed to promote PV pride. Starr believes the combination of "upperclassman SWAC hours and leadership skills, freshmen energy and excitement" PV spirit can be restored.

Thursdays have been declared the official "Royal Purple and Gold Day" Starr said he would like everyone to demonstrate his/her spirit and pride by wearing school colors. For students who don't have

needs a meteorologists, a senior photographer, a transmissions systems maintenance engineer, a tape editor, a special projects coordinator, and an assistant sports producer. More talented graduates and Prairie View seniors who will be graduating in the near future and want their first opportunity in the business are welcome.

The door to opportunity is

any Prairie View colors or anything royal purple and gold ribbon.

In addition to school pride, Starr has expressed his concern about student participation in decision-making on campus. "Everything we do will definitely not happen without student-body approval," said Starr. He is also working with administrators to enable students to take part in making administrative decisions.

With the increased number of active SGA participants, he believes decisions are a reflection of a portion of the student body. The SGA president said he is pleased with the increased participation but would like to see more students come out and become active.

Starr and other executive and legislative SGA bodies have been working diligently on several projects, including the design of a Prairie View logo.

In the past, the Prairie View seal had been used on all documents and several items. "Seals should only be used for official documents. We don't want our seal to lose its prestige by placing it on everything," Starr hopes to have an official unveiling ceremony to introduce the most popular seal design. "The seal will be recognizable to students and alumni; the logo will exemplify our renewed spirit," said Starr.

open in front of you. You are urged to get your foot in the door by going to the Career Information/Placement Center, to review the massive listing of job opportunities that are on display for communications students. It does not matter if you do not get the particular job you want. The important thing is to know what is available and what is expected of you in today's job market.

Career Fair '95 is success at Prairie View



by Cinnamon Johnson
Two Prairie View students discuss interviewing strategy at the recent career fair.

By LISA TERRELL
Panther Staff

The Career Planning and Outreach Center's 25th Annual Career Fair drew 90 companies from all over the nation including Exxon, Mars Inc., NASA, Target, and Coopers & Lybrand. Exxon and several other companies were looking for students in particular majors with exceptional grade point averages, whereas the U.S. Federal

Bureau of Prisons was looking for students and graduates in all majors to work as interns and/or permanent employees. Anderson Consulting, which generally hires business and accounting majors, as looking for students of any major who have a desire to learn the field, according to Lynn Stall, a representative for Anderson Consulting in Houston.

Many firms and government agencies such as the City of Killeen and Texas Department of

Criminal Justice with applications on hand.

Many companies were networking with each other to better assist students. If approached by a student who was not sure what their company was looking for, they would suggest another firm that might have a position for that student. Some companies' representatives offered to send resumes to their corporate office to possibly place students in position of different divisions of their company. Kennon Tennison, 1993 graduate of Prairie View A&M, obtained his current position with General Electric in New York through a speaker at a previous career fair. Tennison said there are a lot more representatives this year and that these companies have a sincere interest in the students. Tennison represented General Electric at this year's Career Fair.

Many students felt the company representatives were more personable this year. "I just smiled, looked them in the eye, and gave them a firm hand shake, and they wanted to help me. They weren't just here because it's part of their jobs; they want to find you a position," said Curtis Pruitt, a 21 year-old student at PV.

Students from other universities were also impressed. "This is twice the size of Texas A&M's career fairs. The people are more personable, and it's just better overall," said Roger Merritt, a 1995 graduate of TAMU. Another TAMU student said he had never had a

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Communications pioneer speaks at PV

By VIRROBIN ESTHER
and ERIC GAITHER
Panther Staff

Charles Porter Jr., the trailblazing former news announcer for several television and radio stations in the Houston area, and presently a sales executive at KFLJ-FM in San Antonio, urged communications students at Prairie View A&M University to make use of the resources available on campus and to become bilingual.

Speaking at the monthly Communications Department seminar Monday, Sept. 25, Porter said, "One thing I discerned from the very beginning is that you have to have knowledge and wisdom."

Porter said he got his start in the field of communications during the 1960s when the Federal Communications Commission began to pressure radio and television stations to hire minorities.

This pressure created the opportunity for him to work at Houston radio stations KNUZ, KILT, KXYZ and KTSU and as one of the first black television anchors in Houston at KTRK-TV (Channel 13), Porter said.

His mentor during this tough transitional stage was the late Mel Goode who had been a reporter during the Cuban missile crisis.

Taking a page from Goode's pioneering work, Porter soon found himself breaking stories that would later open avenues in his profession—in both the Houston radio and television markets.

Porter, who has been awarded a Grammy award and five honorary doctorates, told the estimated 100 students and communications department faculty members, "Preparation gives you security," adding that "when you get your degree, that's when you start see PORTER on page 14

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Inaugural Week Calendar of Events

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OPENING RECEPTION

Wednesday, October 4, 1995

Art Gallery, J.B. Coleman Library

6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

THE FIRST LADY LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 5, 1995

West Wing, Alumni Hall

11:30 a.m. (By Invitation Only)

**INAUGURAL ECUMENICAL WORSHIP
SERVICE AND MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

(Open Reception Follows)

Thursday, October 5, 1995

Recital Hall, Hobart Taylor Hall

7:00 p.m.

INVESTITURE CONVOCATION

(Note change in location)

Friday, October 6, 1995

University Fieldhouse

9:30 a.m.

✦ INVESTITURE LUNCHEON

Friday, October 6, 1995

West Wing, Alumni Hall

12:00 Noon (Ticket Required)

LEADERSHIP EMPHASIS WEEK DANCE

Friday, October 6, 1995

University Fieldhouse

9:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL GAME

Prairie View A&M University

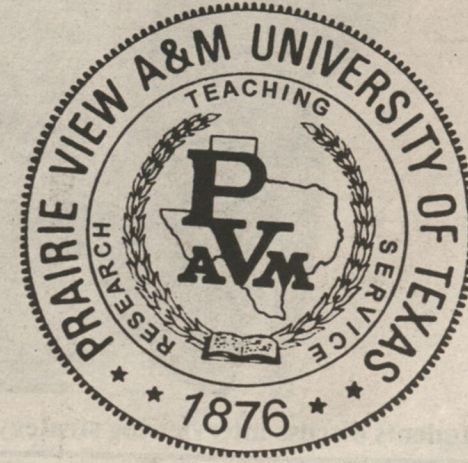
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BLACK HISTORY MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV



Dr. Ronald McNair

Katherine Dunham a pioneer of dance

By CHRISTOPHER GREGG
and SHEREE TOLBERT
Panther Staff

One of the great pioneers of dance is being recognized because of her great efforts to keep African dance alive since the 1930's. Katherine Dunham is a dancer, choreographer, and educator that was born June 22, 1912.

Dunham learned the beauty of dance from her uncle who was the director of a show called Minnehah. The performers elaborate movement and costumes completely entranced her, this is when she began to dream of a life in theater.

Dunham went on to study at the University of Chicago, where

she noticed chronic knee pain that has bothered her since childhood. This was when she found out that she had arthritis and if she couldn't stand the pain she would have to stop dancing. That wasn't the only bad news that surrounded Dunham, there was a lot of racism toward her because of her skin color. Neither was enough to stop Dunham from achieving her goals.

Dunham began teaching dance classes at the Cube Theater Club in Chicago, Illinois to other black students which would soon form the first Negro Dance company. At first her dance classes performed recitals and shows, but that wasn't enough for Dunham.

class of all black student had their first debut at the Beaux Arts Ball performing Negro Rhapsody. She then went on to start another group called the Negro Dance Group. That's when she came up with her own dance technique called the Dunham Technique which is African movement. The traveling dance company won fans worldwide all the way thorough to the 1960's. The dance company performed famous work such as Aida and musicals such as Cabin in the Sky for Broadway. Dunham went on to make appearances in films such as Stormy Weather and Carnival Rhythm.

The dance instructor at

'See DUNHAM on page 14

Astronaut Ronald McNair

By PAMELA WALLS and
EDDIE SHERROD
Panther Staff

Ronald McNair (1950-1986) Astronaut Ronald McNair's life was one of challenges met and overcome. From his roots in a small South Carolina town, he worked and studied his way into the elite ranks of those who have travelled in space. He had further aspirations that he considered even more lofty than space: he planned to enter the teaching profession. Unfortunately, his dreams ended with in 1986 explosion of the U.S. space shuttle Challenger. Mission Specialist McNair and al of his crewmates perished in that tragic accident.

McNair graduated as valedictorian from Carver High School in South Carolina. He won a college scholarship in 1967 and entered North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University in Greensboro. During his undergraduate years, one of his classmates was the civil rights activist Jesse Jackson. They were also in the same fraternity together, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration invited McNair to

apply for the space program in 1977. Out of 10,000 applicants, he was one of 35 selected.

McNair's first space flight took place in 1984, when he orbited the earth 122 times in the space shuttle Challenger. Only the second black astronaut to travel in space, McNair joked about trying to see his tiny home own from orbit. He also displayed his sense of humor while performing his most important duty of the mission- launching a \$75 million communications satellite.

McNair had been a frequent speaker for groups of school children and once declared, "The true courage of flight... is not sitting aboard six million [pounds] of fire and thunder as one rockets away from this planet. True courage comes in enduring, persevering...the preparation and believing in oneself."

At his funeral he was eulogized as a brilliant yet humble man. Deeply religious and devoted above all to community service. Cicely Tyson remarked, "Ron and his crewmates touched...us. They touched the other side of the sky for us."

Ronald McNair, black astronaut, made it to the stars through perseverance.

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LIFESTYLES

Funky Town Fest at PV: featuring MSB

Balancing books and babies: PV student's who do it all

By JAE SIMPSON
Panther staff

School is off to an excellent start and our campus is overflowing with both new and old students. Many are loaded down with books, bags, gym

clothes, etc., and others are pushing strollers and baby carriages.

More and more of Prairie View A & M University students are becoming parents before they become graduates. This is nothing to be ashamed of, but rather something to boast about... because these students are

dispelling the myth that young life is over once you begin a family. Many of these students include their children in campus life and increase the amount of time they spend with their children by taking them along when they attend pep rallies, yard shows, sporting events, or even an occasional class or two.

The class attendance stems from the shortage of day care in the area. Sure, there are several facilities to choose from, but quite often students find that the prices are too high, the schedules are flexible, or the waiting list is 100 people long. Another problem parents encounter is housing. The majority of students who are expecting children return home for lack of housing in this area. There may be ten units in the area which can barely meet the needs of locals, much less of the needs of the faculty, staff, and hardly any needs of the students.

With all of these problems, it's a wonder every parent on campus has not packed up and left.

But there is help around every corner... Although there is no immediate solution for the area's housing problem, students can opt for renting properties in Ranch Country on FM 1960 and on Highway 6 as suggested by a guest during the September 13 airing of "On the Hill with Frank Jackson". The child care dilemma is quickly solving itself with the premier of a new daycare in every semester. Students in need

of child care services should check road signs and bulletins for home cares, but beware, everyone who advertises is not licensed! When interviewing a prospective caregiver, be sure to take a list of questions and concerns. Also be very observant when walking through the facility. Make notes, and ask questions about what you're unsure of.

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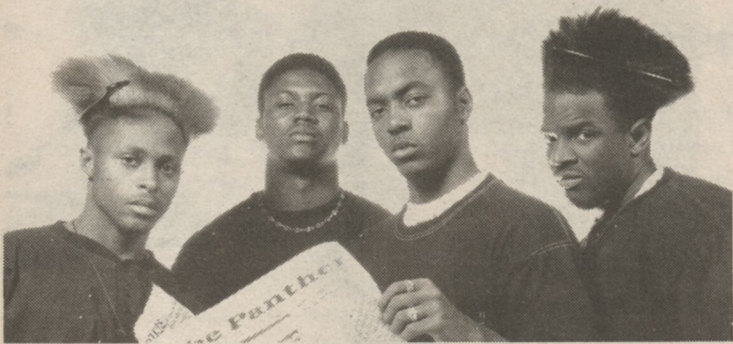
Students should also be encouraged to stay focused and involved in campus activities as well as classes to demonstrate the importance of strong self-esteem and perseverance for your child. Withdrawing yourself from activities will only encourage your children to yield when life throws an obstacle in their path.

PV TOP TEN

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| 10. Janet Jackson..... | Runaway |
| 9. Michael Jackson..... | You are Not Alone |
| 8. Faith | You Use to Love Me |
| 7. Junior Mafia..... | Players Anthem |
| 6. X-Scape..... | Who Can I Run To |
| 5. Mariah Jackson..... | Fantasy |
| 4. Prince..... | I Hate You |
| 3. Coolio..... | Gangsters Paradise |
| 2. Mystical | Y'all Ain't Ready Yet |
| 1. Goody Mob..... | Cell Therapy |

Funky Town Fest at PV: featuring MSB



The Magical Sol brothers, formerly known as the Nappy Head Kuzinz.

By DERALD POWELL and
JUANITA HARRIS
Panther Staff

The campus of Prairie View A&M was host last Friday to the Funky Town Funfest. The concert highlighted various rap groups from the Dallas/Fort Worth area and gave current and former PV students a chance to be in the spotlight.

The night began with a performance by the Magical Sol

Brothas (MSB), formerly known as the Nappy Head Kuzinz. Karl "Da King" Mayes said the name-change was for longevity. "Nappy was just a phase and we needed a name for every era," he said. An album by MSB is scheduled to be released Friday at the Bombfactory pre-Cotton Bowl bash. Other entertainers at the pre-Cotton Bowl bash will be Mystikal and 95-South.

The four young men who make up MSB have been together

for two years. Ced Johnson "Ced," Roy Richardson "Mr. Boogie," and Terrance Robinson "T-Rob" are all communication majors and Prairie View graduates. They rap about unity among Black people. They are under Nappy Head Entertainment managed by Prairie View graduate George Smith.

The group plans to tour locally until the holidays then head to the East Coast. They have a video shoot scheduled for Nov. 4 and the first single will tentatively be "Yea" or "People who make us stars," said Smith.

Smith said Nappy Head Entertainment was started because, "We were tired of folk giving us the run-around, and we hope to start a trend for PV artists."

"Helping your own — that's what it's all about because the university isn't perfect, but it shaped us and made us who we are and for that we are grateful."

Coop M.C. is on the rise

with all the members from Dallas: B-Note, K-J, and N.I.C. are all education majors from TSU. Although they've known each other for 16 years, they began freestyle rapping three years ago. Their album is scheduled to be released in 1996. If you didn't get a chance to catch them at PV, their next performance is Oct. 12 at TSU.

N.I.C. said, "I got love for PV," because his brother William Stell (#46) was recently inducted into the Prairie View football hall of fame for recording the longest rush in the 1956 PV-Grambling game.

Under the management of Ronald Day, President of Cliche Records, they have been rapping together for about six years. Both are originally from Fort Worth. Their first album was released Sept. 18 and their first single is steadily climbing up the charts.

"6-2" said, "One love. Y'all stay down and go an git that CD." Group member El Dogg said, "Stay

true don't let anyone tell you what you can't do. Gena-Cide is living proof."

While performing and managing, some of the concert participants are still working on higher degrees. Joe Bagsby whose album will be out in Jan. is pursuing a master's degree in Sociology, while George Smith is working towards a Ph.D in Urban Education at TSU.

After the final group, "Deep 4 Life," performed all the groups appeared on stage once more for a grand finale freestyle. Deep 4 Life member Black said, "I'm proud of all the groups and I hope the Prairie View students continue to come out and support us and buy the cut."

Black said, they will try to get back real soon and that they are tentatively scheduled to appear at the Bomb factory before the PV/Grambling game.

The concert was followed by a party in the dome.

Emerging Leaders Seminar a success

By PAUL MASTERSON
Panther Staff

Some of Prairie View's top student leaders recently participated in the season opening of the emerging leaders seminar and workshop. Started in 1989, emerging leaders was begun to help motivate student leaders and potential student leaders become better leaders on the campus and abroad.

Program coordinator, Derrick Ross, said the program gives students on the campus a way to express themselves and learn

how to become more productive people in the work force by giving them the opportunity to learn how to point out their views and learn to communicate on a professional level.

The seminar, which features guest speakers from the PV administrative staff, has featured two of the university's most notable faces. In the opening seminar Student Activities Director Frederick Roberts spoke on balancing academics and leisure time. "One can balance both academics and leisure. They have to keep their time balanced to do both,"

said Roberts.

The second seminar featured Auxiliary Service Director Frank Jackson who spoke about "Coalition Politics," and how politics has emerged and how it's time for the next generation to take a stand and get more involved in their communities.

Emerging leaders seminars are held every Monday at 6p.m. in the Harrington Science Building in room 121. Upcoming guest speakers will include university president Charles Hines, Col. A. Pennywell, and Dr. Millard Eiland.

Fashion show supports athletics

By PAUL MASTERSON
Panther Staff

The lights and glimmer of highrise fashion came into a different view with the debut of the Panther Extravaganza. Billed as "the fashion event of the year", the fashion show was an effort to raise money for the under-budgeted university cheerleading squad, as well as the Mr. and Miss Prairie View Court.

The brainchild of Betty Hall, the show featured some of the campus' top faculty, staff and administration, as well as, some of

the university's most visible students modeling what is said to be this season's top fashions.

Modeling sports and active wear included such popular Prairie View faces as Student Activities Director, Frederick Roberts, Auxiliary Services Chairman, Frank Jackson, and Department of School Services worker, Ruth Silmon. Kimberly Williams, Miss Prairie View A&M showed that she can go up against Monica Seles as she modeled a lovely tennis outfit with companion Dion Dennis.

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What's Da Flava

by George Spillman Jr.



D'Angelo
Album Title: Brown Sugar
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Production: D'Angelo
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The debut album from this Brooklyn representative is bound to set the music world on its ear. Literally, D'Angelo is a modernized version of the one-man-band with the song writing skills of "Babyface." At first glimpse, he would appear to some type of rough neck kid that couldn't sing his way out of a wet paper bag, but it turns out that D'Angelo has the voice of an angel and he's one of the best falsetto singers since the artist formerly known as Prince. In fact, D'Angelo has a lot in common with "his royal badness" being that he also composed, wrote, arranged, produced and performed his first album.

The first single from the album is "Brown Sugar" which is D'Angelo's '95 version of Rick James' "Mary Jane". D'Angelo cleverly disguises his love for the "herb essence" by making the inattentive listener think that he is singing about a woman. "Jonz in my boyz", is a joint that attempts to describe the feeling D'Angelo has toward the music that he makes and his career. Every so often ballad lovers are treated to a song that re-defines the word love, "Me and those dreaming eyes of mine," is one of those songs and it gives the listener a deeper appreciation for that "special person." "Crusin" is remake of the Smokey Robinson classic that was made even smoother by D'Angelo. I really don't have a favorite out the ten songs on this CD because all of them are tight, but the one that I listen to over is "Lady" which is a duet between D'Angelo and Tone, Tony, Toni's Rafael Saadiq. It has a bass line that is harder than regular registration and D'Angelo and Saadiq's voices compliment each other like cereal and milk.

Pound for pound, this has to be one of the best albums of the year, don't sleep on it. Fellahs, the ladies love the music, its perfect for chillin' or for setting the mood; if you know what I mean! Until next time, PEACE !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Faces '95 show targets social issues

By LABRYANT BENJAMIN and CASANA WILLIAMS
Panther Staff

Bravo to New Faces '95! This year's production of New Faces was not only hilarious entertainment, it woke up the audience to realities they will face today—or most definitely tomorrow.

New Faces is a production presented by The Theatre Arts Program and the Charles Gilpin Players every fall. The production introduces the freshman theatre majors and showcases their talent.

This year's theme of New Faces was Wake Up. The show was set in a television studio, and adopted the popular talk show format. The three-host show presented six areas of concern African American's are facing today ("pressures"), then presented solutions for them. The six areas of concern were relationships, education, peer pressure, African American's in the work place, affirmative action and threats to the existence of the black male.

"We must let the message of Wake Up ring throughout America so that all can hear it. We must educate each other to the problems in our communities and then together find solutions to those problems," said C. Lee Turner, the show's director and Gilpin Players sponsor.

New Faces '95 not only brought 18 of America's most talented freshman together, it brought courage. This year's show dealt with issues African American's are facing today. Through singing, dancing, dramatic monologues and original speeches the show offered bold solutions the government has yet to accomplish. Richard Bratcher, one of the new faces, suggested, during a recitation of his original poem Wake Up, what we as African Americans need to do in order to progress in today's society: receive an education, have faith and believe in ourselves. I couldn't have said it better.



By Cinnamon Johnson
The Charles Gilpin Players make one final run through before the first night of the New Faces production.



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SPORTS

Texas A&M Aggies hopes for a national championship are dashed

By LISA L. TERRELL
Panther Staff

On Saturday, Sept. 23, no. 3 ranked Texas A&M lost to no. 7 Colorado. This was the biggest game of the Aggies season. What went wrong in Colorado? Plenty! The Aggies lost whatever edge they had on siezing the National Championship when Colorado shut down Heisman Trophy candidate, Leeland McElroy.

Colorado coach, Rick Neuheisel said he had eleven gold helmets looking for McElroy's number 34 every time the huddle broke. A & M has always had a strong running game and not much passing; Colorado obviously knew this. A & M habitually bases their whole offense around their star running backs like Greg Hill in 1992 and 1993, Rodney Thomas in 1994, and Leeland McElroy now.

While Colorado's defense was allowing McElroy 23 carries for only 52 yards, A & M was forced to throw. "I felt like their plan was to stop the run, so we'd have to throw the ball. And we probably should have thrown more," said A & M

coach, R. C. Slocum. Not only throwing more, but also more accurately was necessary.

Pullig completed only three of his last eleven passes. He lastly attempted a two-yard touchdown pass to Chris Sanders which fell short, closing all chances of a possible tie. Colorado maintained possession for the remaining four minutes and 51 seconds. (Pullig has an inaccurate arm making for a poor passing game.)

The intended receivers were falling short also. Pullig threw a pass to Albert Connell who tipped the

ball to Colorado's Elton Davis. Davis then ran it back to the one-yard line in the first quarter. Then when Pullig connected with Sanders in the second quarter on a third down, Sanders dropped the ball with fifty yards of open field in front of him. McElroy had three kick returns and, when attempting a fourth, a freshman stepped in his way in what seemed to be an attempt to steal the ball and spotlight from McElroy.

"We had the chances, and we had the plays," said Slocum, "I don't know what else to say." I do—

A & M counted on McElroy. When he was shut down, the Aggies' winning tradition fell apart. A & M is going to need a strong passing game as well as their excellent running game in order to compete in the Big 12. When a team shuts you down in one area, you have got to be able to depend on the other. While some Prairie View students are rejoicing at the loss, others who are Aggie-fans are left disappointed and frustrated. But don't worry, Slocum plans "to regroup and come back competing."

Don't count the Panthers volleyball team out yet

By TIARA ELLIS
Panther Staff

As the Lady Panther volleyball team begins a "rebuilding" year, they search for their first win.

"Don't let the numbers fool you, because I think we are going to play our best volleyball later in the season", said head Coach Jocelyn Adams.

The Panthers played the Texas Southern University (TSU) Tuesday, Sept. 19, in Houston and although they lost in three games, all three were close. Which after gaining a lead over the TSU Tigers, in an early game; the Panthers had a serve-receive breakdown and lost the lead. The final score of that game was 9-15.

After getting down in the second game, they tried to make a comeback but it was too late. The score was 10-15. Even though they were down to two games, the Panthers continued to fight back. The score of the final game of the series was 12-15.

Even with an 0-9 record, the Lady Panthers remain confident. In the past the Panther volleyball team has also has similar slow starts. In 1992, the year the Panthers won

the conference championship, they started the season with 0-8 record.

According to Coach Adams, this is a rebuilding year and the team is just now beginning to come together. Six girls were lost last year to graduation or ineligibility. Four of those six were starters. The four returners are juniors Cassandra Harris and Judy Bryant and sophomore Erika Baugh and Sidoyne Haugh. Harris is also the captain for the 1995 season.

Due to the inexperience of this year's team a lot of responsibility has been put upon the freshmen. "We (coaching staff) have asked the freshmen to step in and be aggressive", said Coach Adams. "At this point we are looking for a focused leader. Right now everyone is participating equally."

Freshmen players are Krishuana Taylor, Tiara Ellis, Cecily Boone, Daray and Dasha Breda, Natalie Eatmon and Shauntrina Alix.

The Panthers will be playing Centenary College on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the Fieldhouse at 4:30 p.m. Students not attending the football game in Dallas are urged to support the volleyball team's first home game.

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Coach Adams is making a lasting impact at PV

By GWYNITA LEGGINGTON
Panther Staff

coach one day."

Adams' influence in her life included her mother, coaches, teachers, and other individuals that helped develop her into as an outstanding athlete. These individuals often spoke encouraging words to her. Their support was beneficial to Adams as she prepared herself for the future. After graduating from Smiley, Adams, attended Prairie View A & M University. She was eager to begin school and was pleased to be attending this university. While at Prairie View, Adams was a member of the women's track and field team. She was a sprinter and a quarter-miler. The team, as well as she, won numerous awards including All-American, All-Conference, and National Honors. Adams successfully became a two-

time conference champion and a four-time national champion (on a team). She chose not to play volleyball or basketball in college, but she continued to adore both sports.

Adams received a bachelor of science degree in health and human performance. After graduation, she immediately began working for the City of Houston's Health Department. She was a disease and prevention specialist, and was responsible for pre-test and post-test counseling of STD patients. Adams said, "Working there was an experience that helped out in my field."

Her first coaching experience was at McFarwin Middle School in Dayton, Ohio. She was the assistant coach for the basketball team. Adams enjoyed her job because she was able to learn a lot

from the head basketball coach.

In the fall of 1990, Adams began a career at Prairie View A&M University. She said, "Being a graduate from Prairie View, I thought that it would be a good opportunity to give back to the university." Adams feels that she was given the opportunity to put volleyball back onto a level that it was on previously.

Prairie View's volleyball team currently has 11 members. Practice time for the team is usually two hours a day maximum, with two days off a week to rest.

There are no volleyball scholarships, but Adams encourages anyone interested to try out for a spot on the team. Try-outs are held immediately before the beginning of each fall semester.

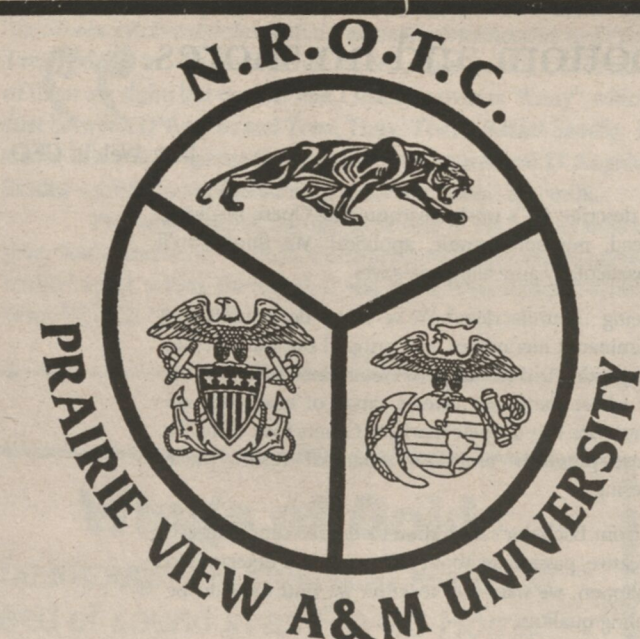
Coach Adams is confident about the team. She says that the

"team is young is rebuilding. As we progress through the season we will develop and grow. Their are no limits."

Since becoming the volleyball coach here, the team has placed no less than third in conference championship. In 1992, the team won the conference championship. Although the team hasn't caught their first win for the season, they are not discouraged.

Coach Adams enjoys being around the coaches at Prairie View. They give her total support, and she has learned a lot from her mentors.

Adams and her husband, Eric Lewis Adams, reside in Cypress. Her future includes continuing to coach at Prairie View and one day to become a mother.



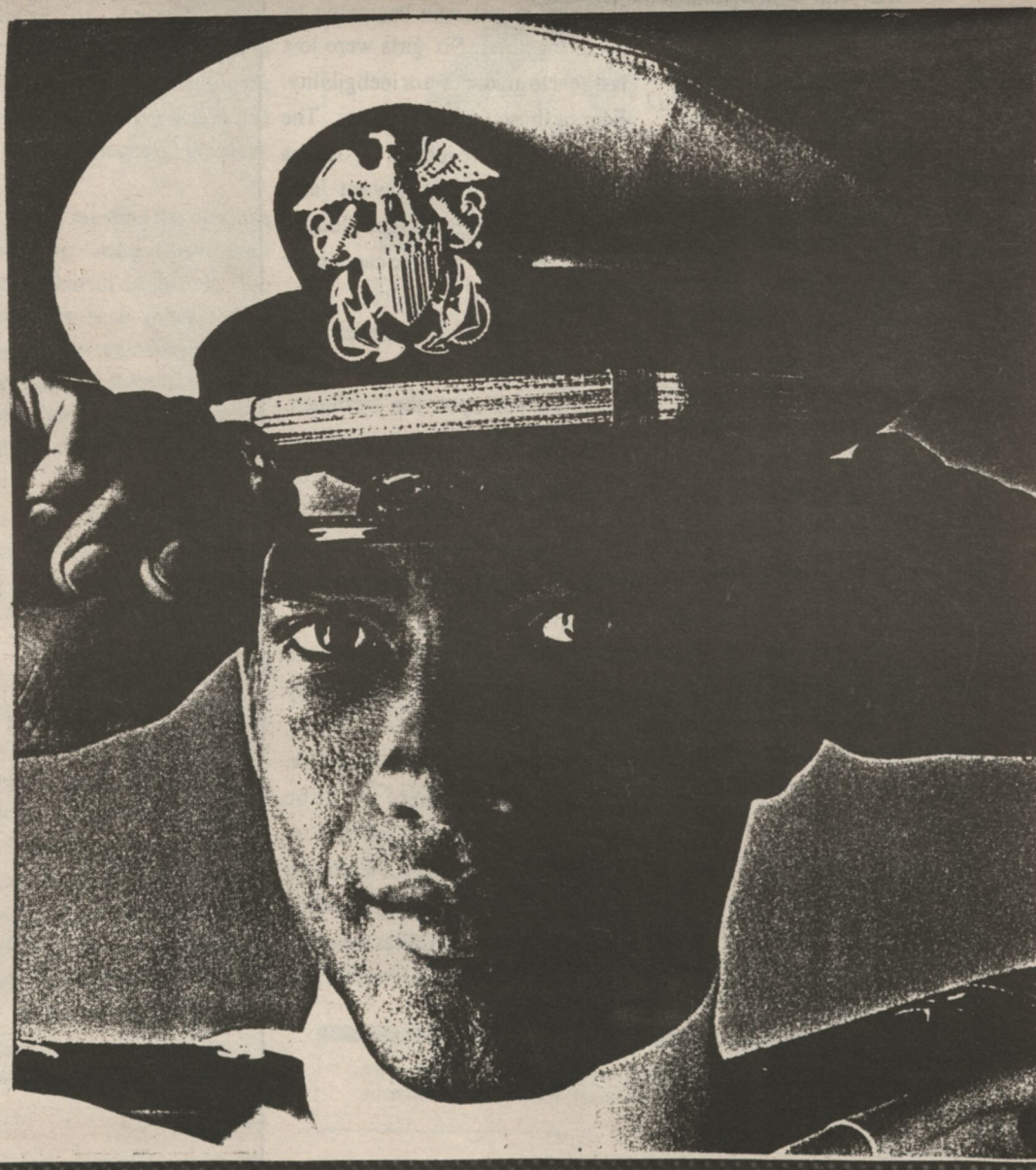
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Fair

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Cynthia Jackson, administrative assistant to J.E. Pennywell, director of the Career Planning and Outreach Center (CPOC), said the companies were very impressed with the caliber of students here at PV. Eighteen companies stayed through Friday in order to interview students. There was such a demand for interviews that they had to use the

Fashion

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A touch of class was brought to the scenery as the evening apparel was showcased with models Angela Johnson and Nichelle Haymore in elegant gold

Memorial Student Center (MSC) Ballroom.

The CPOC urges students to come by before their senior year, submit a resume, and start a file because there are many internships and opportunities available to undergraduates. There are placement manuals in the C.P.O.C. that are available to students to guide them through a successful job search and to help with interview skills. They also would like to remind you there will be another career fair in Feb. 1996, so plan to attend. There will be something for everyone, including freshmen. You never know; you could make a contact now that could mean a job later.

and silver beaded gowns while wearing immaculate furs.

The evening ended with a wedding finale, which featured members of the Mr. and Miss Prairie View Court. Williams wore a white satin floor length wedding dress while being escorted by Mr. Prairie View adjacent, Donald Jennings.

Dunham ID's

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Prairie View, Paula Williams, said she studied under Ruth Beckford who was apart of Dunham's dancing school. Williams explained how even though Dunham's dance was not excepted here in the United States she still was determined and took her research to Haiti. "Dunham makes me proud of my African roots", said Williams about the great pioneer.

Dunham is still alive today, and is training dancers in East St. Louis. Dunham was and still is an inspiration to a lot of young black dancers and will always be remembered for all the great accomplishments she achieved.

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The system is not only designed to help the students take advantage of activities, but also to reduce crime. Safety for the students and faculty is a major concern of the Intramural Board. As a result of prior violence on the campus, the new program is designed to reduce fighting and other acts of violence, by policing who enters the gym area.

ID's are checked the same way they are when entering the dining hall. If you forget your ID card, you will be admitted the first time, but afterward that the program is strictly enforced. It is strictly for fairness and safety's sake.

"It's important to bring your ID card because this program is to benefit the students of this university. If there are any questions regarding the identification process, I'm willing to take time to explain it," said Burgess.

VIEWPOINTS

Uncle Sam's Big Lie

The purpose of this letter is to warn those college students among your readers who are about to make the mistake of their lives by selling their souls and entering the U.S. military with the hopes of a career. I urge you to ignore all the recruiting hype and look at the reality that has befallen those, who like you, bought into "The Big Lie" a generation ago.

As a bright young undergrad, I fell for the hype of the military, "Be all I could be... gain valuable experience... the discipline will help you later on... etc." Now I find, 17 years later, I am a product of the military-industrial complex with lots of knowledge about how to eliminate an enemy but without marketable skills in a peace time economy. Even worse, when I interview for new jobs, most companies' personnel managers are

hyphenated named feminists who have always viewed the military with hostility, even though we brought to an end the Soviet menace and have placed our lives on the line for this country in numerous "regional conflicts."

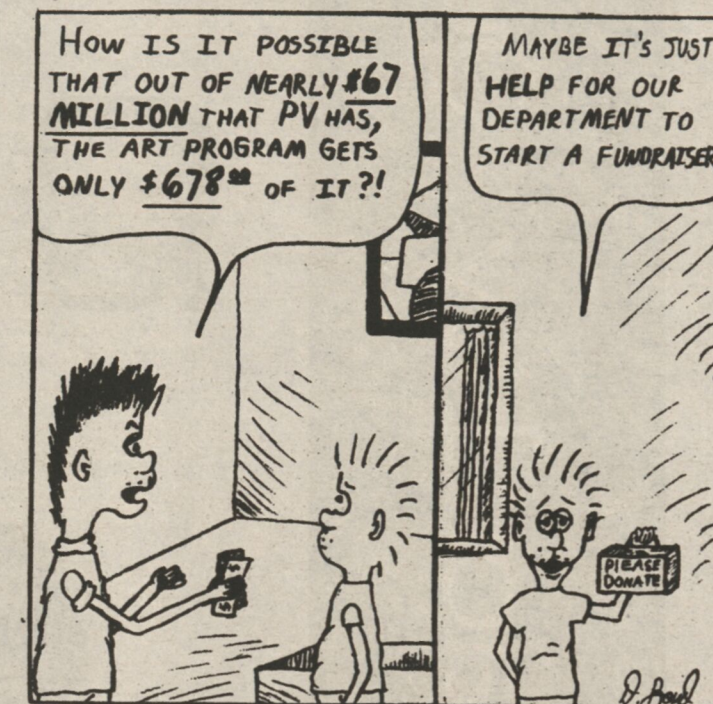
Get a clue. The military is down-sizing, and at the same time the leadership is falling all over itself to increase minority percentages, so white males need not apply. But minority members also need to think, "Where will I be in the military 10 years from now, compared to how far I can get in a real profession?" Our civilian leaders continue to use the military for every social experiment that they can dream up, instead of as the fighting force it was meant to be. I suppose those smug S.O.B.'s will feel great as the U.S. Army goes down in defeat in

the next major war. "Well at least we had a statistically representative sample of the population annihilated," they'll shrug.

I do not oppose a short two year tour in the military but don't throw your life away in the service of a government that doesn't give a damn about you or your family. Our military will string you along until you are at the peak of your financial obligations, then announce it is time to "right-size," meaning you are fired, many without any retirement or the civilian oriented skills once promised in those flashy "Be one of us" ads.

Don't be like me. Don't buy into "The Big Lie."

Sincerely,
J. Tyler



learning."

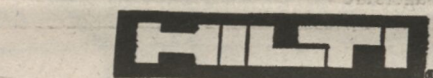
Porter warned news students to guard against becoming too specialized and to opt, instead, for becoming well-rounded and qualified to work in several areas in the communications field.

"It feels good to know that there are still African Americans who are trying to make strides in the communications field," said senior communications student Erica Sanders, herself a television intern in Killeen, Texas.

Corrections

In the Sept. 15 edition of *The Panther* we mistakenly used Ken as the first name of KPVI's engineer. His name is Dave Cassels.

The Panther would like to extend a very special thank you to Lon Turnbull, a Research Associate in the Department of Physics, for the many hours of work donated to us during our technical difficulties.



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INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Location: Career Development Center, 212 Anderson Hall

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ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Location: Career Development Center, 212 Anderson Hall

8:30 am - 4:30 pm



Dear Jaquita

Dear Jaquita,

I am a 22-year-old senior marketing major with a serious problem. I have been in a serious relationship with my boyfriend for two years and during the course of our relationship we've had our brake ups. I didn't want to be with anybody else and I didn't, but apparently he did. I recently went to the doctor and was told I was HIV positive.

I haven't told anybody yet because I'm scared that they won't understand. The worst part of the whole situation is that I recently started a new relationship with someone else, since my boyfriend and I broke up. What should I do? Should I tell him or just leave him alone so I don't hurt his feelings?

Signed,
Scared & Confused

Dear Scared & Confused,

I am very sorry about your situation, but you have to be realistic. You are in a relationship with someone who needs to know about your present condition.

Just letting the relationship go and not telling him what's going on would be a mistake. Give him the benefit of the doubt. He may be understanding then again he may not. It all depends on how you approach him with your problem.

It's unfortunate that you r ex-boy-friend had to put your life in such turmoil, but you have to live for today. You can't live in the past, every minute of your life counts, so cherish it.

Don't shut out your present boyfriend. Take other measures to let him know of your present health conditions.

Never forget that no matter what their is someone who will be their for you. Don't give up, keep the faith and try to live each day to the fullest and enjoy yourself as long as you can.

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Faculty Quiz



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Linda Eustace, Political Science; Ronald Server,
Criminal Justice; Laurette Foster, Mathematics;
Millard Eiland, Communications; Jimmie
Poindexter, Sociology

Michigan Club addresses death of a friend

This letter is in response to the article concerning the death of Michael Ware. We were very upset with the article for numerous reasons. There were two contradictions that should have been proofread before publication. For instance, it is impossible to shoot someone at point blank range while

driving. Also, Michael did not die instantly, which was the reason he was on a life support system.

We, The Michigan Club and the students of Prairie View would like to inform *The Panther* what really happened to our friend.

On the night of Sunday, June 4, 1995 while Mike was parking

his car in the driveway of his home, a car drove up and an individual asked him a question. While talking to the person in the car, other individuals were hiding in the bushes. When Mike attempted to go into the house, the guys jumped out and shot, hitting Mike in the head.

He was rushed to the hospital, and

put on life support where he remained until he was pronounced brain dead Tuesday morning. All of this was the result of a "initiation" into a neighborhood gang. Apparently, one of the requirements was to shoot an innocent person. Unfortunately, this innocent person happened to be Michael Ware.

We feel that the article concerning his death was written with a careless attitude. The contradictions and the misquotations were totally disrespectful to his friends, family and Michael himself. Mike "Dub" was to us, a dedicated student, friend and Michigan Club member and we would like to insure that he is remembered in that manner.

The Michigan Club

There will be a memorial service held in remembrance of Mike on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel. Please plan to attend.

The Michigan Club is asking for friends and associates of Michael Ware to compose character letters to be submitted to the presiding judge. Please forward these letters or any questions to Elna Reid 826-4860, Sonja Fields 857-5916 or Jasmine McKinley 826-3208.

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